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BETHLEHEM STEEL FOLLOWS U. S. TO COAST

DOWNNEY VOTES NEW WATER SYSTEM

Two Private Companies to
Be Jinked for New Publicly
Owned System

RATES TO BE LOWERED

Earnings of New System Will
Pay Entire Amount of
Bonds with Interest

By a vote of nearly four to one, Downney last Friday voted to bond his newly created water district for \$295,000 to build a new water system. It is understood in the proposal submitted to the people, that an offer of \$10,000 and \$6,000 respectively would be made to two existing private water companies if satisfactory terms could be arranged between the owners of the private water companies and the directors of the new publicly owned system. The vote on constructing the new water system was 230 for the new system and 95 against.

The Downney County Water District was organized last January by a vote of the people. An election was held in May, at which time the board of directors was elected. The board was organized last June. C. P. Culver of Los Angeles was employed as attorney and the firm of Burns-McDonald-Smith Engineering Company was selected to do the engineering work. The engineers prepared a preliminary report of the cost of building a new system and made an appraisal of the two larger water companies now in the field. The directors held a public hearing on the matter in October. The board called an election to vote on the issuance of bonds.

In addition to the purchase of the two companies now in the field the water board proposes to erect a steel storage tank of 150,000-gallon capacity and high enough to insure a fifty-pound pressure everywhere in the district. Two deep wells will be drilled on opposite sides of the town so that there will always be standby service. These wells will yield at least 1,000,000 gallons of water daily. This is more than double the present needs of the community, it is said. The water supply will be enough for 12,000 people. A comprehensive system of water mains are to be laid throughout the district. Parts of the water district are still in acreage, but the pipes will be laid around these so that as fast as an area develops the mains will be available for immediate service.

The storage capacity of the new system will be more than six times as great as that of the existing system.

It is believed that the work can be constructed for the amount of the bonds. The bonds will have a low interest rate and should find ready sale, because of the large assessed valuation of the county water district, it is claimed. The properties of the district are not taxable and the consolidation of the pumps by the district will be a great saving. The total cost of the water to the users over the present cost of operating individual pumping plants scattered throughout the district, it is claimed. Bonds will only be sold as needed for construction. It is estimated that there will be 100,000 users connected to the system within the first year. Estimates of the revenue and the expenses of operating the system show that the district will be self-supporting from the start and that the property owners will never have to be taxed to retire the bonds nor to pay for the operation.

Work will begin soon after the (Continued on Page 2)

Water

Council Expected to Call Referendum Election at Tonight Meeting

Water—cheaper and better water—will be among the questions discussed at tonight's meeting of the City Council. Sufficient signatures to the petitions requesting a public referendum on the water question has been received and checked by City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, and it is expected that the Council will authorize the election at tonight's meeting.

If the election is called at tonight's meeting, it will not be held until about January 14th, due to the legal formality necessary in calling elections. Prior to that time, a liberal airing of the water question is anticipated, and a vigorous campaign is expected to develop between the present water company and the supporters of a new publicly owned system.

As soon as the election is called, and the proposition is definitely presented in the form it will be submitted to the voters, the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, the Torrance Herald, and private citizens plan to carry on an educational campaign to explain all phases of the issue, so that the voters may know all the facts in ample time before they are asked to cast their ballot.

Queen of California Walnuts



Miss Janet Chandler, from her walnut throne, announcing the harvesting of the \$14,000,000 crop during ceremonies held in Los Angeles by the Southern California Walnut Growers' association. Her majesty further announced that the crop was the largest on record.

MERCHANTS TO MEET TONIGHT AT EARL'S CAFE

Plans for the promotion of Christmas business will be among the topics discussed tonight at the semi-monthly dinner meeting of the Torrance Retail Merchants Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting is held at 6:15 o'clock at Earl's Cafe, and any proprietor of a business in Torrance, who buys goods at wholesale and sells them at retail is invited to attend.

As the meetings convene promptly at 6:15, and usually adjourn before eight, they do not conflict with evening engagements, and every merchant is urged to come and enter into the discussion. The slogan of the bureau is "United for Better Service," and much good has already been accomplished. R. F. Horue is chairman of the bureau and Roland Sanderhoff is secretary.

Bixby Avenue to Be Widened

A resolution of intention to establish set back lines on Bixby avenue between Weston street and 255th street was adopted at the Tuesday meeting of the Los Angeles city council, December 26th, 1929, was fixed for hearing protests.

BASEBALL FANS WIN FIGHT FOR FUNDS

\$1200 Voted by Chamber Board for Support of Team Next Year

Baseball fans won their inning yesterday afternoon, when the Board of Directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce by unanimous vote rescinded its former action to deny the \$100 monthly subsidy to the team, and approved the continuance of the \$1200 a year fund toward the support of the league team under the management of Ed Tansy.

The directors' room was well filled with baseball enthusiasts when Raymond Burdick addressed the Chamber board for the baseball fans. He stated that he felt he owed an apology to the board members for going over their heads and submitting the issue to the city council at a recent meeting; but explained his action, by saying that when he read in the Torrance Herald that the Chamber of Commerce had denied the Chamber's request for the \$1200 appropriation, he assumed that the only place left to go was to the City Council. He said that he realized now that he was in error and that he was addressing the proper body and asked them to reconsider their previous action.

Mr. Burdick submitted clippings of newspaper stories covering the Torrance team when it played in other cities. Thirty-two inches of publicity was clipped from the game last Sunday in San Pedro, and 150 inches from the Pasadena newspapers at a recent game in that city. He stated that there were as high as \$8000 at the White Sox park in Los Angeles when the Torrance team played there and from 3000 to 5000 at the Pasadena games.

At the conclusion of Mr. Burdick's remarks, he presented a petition signed by 150 property owners and voters, asking the board to reconsider its action and grant the \$1200 appropriation for the coming year. The petition stated that the signers felt the publicity prompted by the team was well worth the cost to the city.

Board members asked if it would not be advisable to pay the team only during the baseball season.

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"Dead" Man Much Alive

Passers by, seeing a prostrate form along the road, picked it up and took it to the Japed Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital. On arrival at the hospital, the prostrate form came to life a-fighting. Officers hurried to the scene, took the man to the police station, where he was booked on charges of intoxication. The "dead" man was only "dead drunk."

THORPE QUILTS HAWTHORNE AS POLICE CHIEF

Former Torrance Patrolman Surprises Hawthorne Council With Resignation

HAWTHORNE.—Coming as what appeared to be a complete surprise, Chief of Police I. V. Thorpe in a communication filed with the city council on Monday evening tendered his resignation from his position as head of the police department in Hawthorne. Mr. Thorpe stated that he had other inducements offered him which he wished to try out. If any members of the council had advance notice of the police chief's intention to resign they did not indicate it when City Clerk Fraser read the letter.

By the failure of either Councilman Ramage, Fraser or Breen to second Councilman Clark's motion to accept the resignation there was for a time no action on the resignation, but after the other business of the evening had been disposed of, Ramage suggested that the Thorpe matter again be brought up for consideration, stating that the police chief was evidently desirous to quit and there was no use in trying to dissuade him from his decision. Clark again moved that the resignation be accepted effective November 30, and this time Ramage seconded the motion.

Motorecycle Officer, Wm. Deal, was made temporary Chief of Police at Hawthorne, by order of the Council.

Chief Thorpe is well known in Torrance, where some years ago he was a member of the police department.

GALA PARTY PLANNED BY K. OF C., DEC. 3

Torrance Council Joins Ball at El Patio Hall—Movie Stars to Be There

Carl Gramling, Grand Knight of the Torrance Council No. 2445 of the Knights of Columbus, announces that the Southern California Chapter of Knights of Columbus is holding a gala ball on Tuesday night, December 3, at El Patio ballroom, Vermont at Third street in Los Angeles.

Twenty-eight councils which belong to the Southern California Chapter are participating in this gala social event which is planned to be a monthly affair at the El Patio ballroom, on the first Tuesday of each month except during the Lenten season and other such times.

The various councils are competing to see which council from out of Los Angeles will have the greatest attendance. It is also planned to run special trains to this affair to accommodate all of those who wish to attend.

An elaborate program of entertainment will be offered at this first monthly dance. Pat O'Malley will be the master of ceremonies and will introduce several prominent motion picture stars to the audience. The feature of the evening will be the personal appearance of "Larry Rich" and "His Friends," the famous orchestra which will be at the RKO Orpheum the week of November 30th to December 6th. Go and see "Larry and His Friends" at the Orpheum and then meet them at the El Patio ballroom, is the slogan of the entertainment committee. Larry Rich will also bring with him "Cherie," Bernice Rich, Evelyn Spence, Dud Taylor, Charles Roddick, together with the entire orchestra which will play several of their most popular numbers.

Pat Smith, prominent member of the Hollywood council, is chairman of the reception committee and promises to have several well known motion picture stars as guests of honor for the evening.

Josef Skrivaneck and his El Patio ballroom orchestra is one of the best in the country. Together with the excellent music and the beautiful surroundings patrons of these affairs should enjoy themselves to

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COMMUNITY CHEST NOW OVER \$2400

Those Who Haven't Subscribed Are Urged to Do So Now

Contributions to the Torrance Community Chest have increased to \$2434.50, up to noon yesterday, with prospects of considerable more as soon as they can be authorized by firms, whose headquarters are located outside of the city.

There are still quite a number of people who really should help in this worthy community charitable work, who have not yet subscribed, according to J. W. Post and Sam Levy, who have charge of the drive.

It is hoped that the Christmas spirit will prompt these people to do their share. For the unfortunate folks in this community, Messrs. Post and Levy state: "The committee plan to make a few more calls but they expressed a desire that those who can contribute do so voluntarily. Contributions may be left at the First National Bank or at the Chamber of Commerce."

The committee point out that while the quota has been raised, they are anxious to make the drive include everyone in Torrance who can possibly help at this time, in order that it will not be necessary to put on another drive for at least two years. This is the time to subscribe and in fairness to those who have contributed. Let's hope that all who can will do so at this time.

The following additional subscriptions are acknowledged:

Previously acknowledged	\$2105.50
C. C. M. O.	100.00
Soule Steel Corp.	25.00
General Petroleum Corp.	50.00
MacMurray Stores	25.00
Lozier Ice Company	25.00
Daley's Inc.	25.00
Safeway Stores	50.00
Guy Mowry	1.00
Wm. Gascoigne	1.00
John Holm	1.00
A. Aaland	1.00
L. J. Acres	10.00
Stankhilber	10.00
Perry Isenstein	5.00
Total	\$2434.50

NYLANDER IS DEFENDED BY PROF. WOOD

No Change in High School Coach Expected Until June

Coach Nylander's ability as a football coach was frankly discussed at the board of directors meeting yesterday of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, when the principal, Herbert Wood of the Torrance High school conferred with the Chamber directors on the recent cellar showing of the Torrance high school team.

Board members as well as a number of people in the audience expressed the opinion that they felt the coach did not have the confidence of the high school boys, and that lacking confidence, he could do little with a team. Several emphasized the point that the matter of victory was a secondary one, but that they felt that there should be something done to better the school spirit in the matter of athletics.

Prof. Wood defended Nylander's failure to produce a winning team by stating that the other teams in the league greatly outweighed the Torrance boys. He attributed the success of the Narbonne and Gardena teams to the outstanding ability of one star player on each team, coupled with the further advantage of outweighing the Torrance team nearly 50 pounds to the player. Prof. Wood stated that Nylander had taken a great interest in the Junior Olympics and that he had done some good work among the younger boys at the school. Nylander's idea is to get every boy in school in some sort of sports activity, rather than to concentrate on a winning team, Wood said. Four basketball teams were developed last year, Wood added.

Torrance can get as high type teachers as any school in the district, Prof. Wood stated.

Torrance is entitled to as good teachers as there are on the accredited list, and the local school has a number of unusually compe-

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COAST GROUP STEEL PLANTS TAKEN OVER

Prediction of Steel Executives That Corporation's Columbia Purchase Would Bring Bethlehem Comes True

As predicted by industrial leaders at the time the United States Steel Corporation entered the Pacific Coast manufacturing field by purchase of the Columbia Steel Corporation holdings, their longtime rival Bethlehem Steel Corporation, announced the purchase yesterday of the Southern California Iron and Steel company plant, Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles plant, located at Slauson and Boyle avenues will be sold to Bethlehem along with the holdings of the Pacific Coast Steel Company, which has plants in South San Francisco and Seattle, Wash. The Southern California Iron and Steel company is affiliated with the northern group.

It was predicted by local industrial executives when the United States Steel Corporation announced acquisition of the local plant of the Columbia Steel Corporation in a \$16,630,000 deal that the Bethlehem group has found it necessary to enter the local field in competition with the United States Steel corporation.

Millions Involved Although no purchase price for either the local plant or Pacific Coast Steel was announced, the Southern California plant's assets as reported on December 31, 1928, were \$3,571,218, and the Pacific Coast Steel assets, \$10,260,642.

Yesterday's announcement came as the result of a conference in San Francisco between Grace and his associates, and D. E. McLaughlin, president of both western organizations involved in the sale plan.

Bethlehem officials for some years have studied the steel situation on the Pacific coast with a view to establishing manufacturing plants in this rapidly growing section of the country. Grace stated, will be operated through a separate subsidiary company having an active management with headquarters on the Pacific Coast.

Varied Output The plants to be taken over by Bethlehem have a steel ingot capacity of 280,000 gross tons a year. They produce billets, merchant and reinforcing bars, light structural shapes, transmission towers, universal plates, light rails, the plates, splice bars, forgings, bolts, nuts, rivets and miscellaneous products.

Of these products the Southern California Steel and Iron company manufactures merchant and reinforcing bars, forgings, bolts, nuts and rivets. It is considered the largest hot-and-nut producing plant in the West with its output estimated at 60,000 gross tons a year.

The Slauson avenue plant embraces twenty-five acres and owns an additional fourteen acres now in reserve for probable expansion.

On acquiring the Columbia plant, United States Steel announced that it will start production here of structural steel and it is considered likely in local industrial circles that Bethlehem will match stride and add a structural steel unit to the Los Angeles plant.

At present the Southern California Steel and Iron Company operates a battery of three open-hearth furnaces, five reheating furnaces, forging press on for the local oil the steel forgings for the local industry are made, and two trains of rolling mills for light merchant iron and steel products, according to R. D. Sangster, manager of the industrial department of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

"A CHAIN PROGRAM"

—AND LISTEN, FOLKS
DO YOUR CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING
EARLY

ROSCOE MISSELHORN

The Misses Dee Leave Utah for So. California

Two more native daughters of Ogden, Utah, have come to Torrance to make their home. They are the Misses Sylvia and Hannah Dee, sisters of Mrs. Rose Ensign and aunts of Mrs. J. W. Post. The Misses Dee are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ensign of Manuel avenue until they can locate a home of their own. A Thanksgiving reunion of the Misses Dee with their sisters, Mrs. Mary Armstrong of Los Angeles and Mrs. Fred Mills of Hollywood, and Mrs. Ensign was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Post.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick Taken Late Sat. Funeral Tomorrow

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary A. Fitzpatrick of Torrance will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 p. m., at Angelus Abbey, Compton, Stone and Myers in charge.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick died late Saturday evening in a Norwalk hospital. She has been a resident of Torrance for several years, living at 1341 Plaza del Amo. Up until about two months ago she worked in the cafeteria in the Union Tool plant.

The deceased is survived by her husband, Harold C. Fitzpatrick, and a son.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS

Doing something for someone will bring you more happiness than doing something for something

ONLY 18 DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS

SHOPPING